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## MIDDY BLOUSES

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## CENTRAL POWERS GAINED GREAT ADVANTAGES IN SERBIAN CAMPAIGN

### WHAT GREAT MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES WERE GAINED HAS BEEN SHOWN BY THE OPENING OF TRAFFIC ON THE DANUBE.

BELGRADE, Serbia, Dec. 18.—What great military and economic advantages were gained by the Germans and their allies with the opening of traffic on the Danube, has been shown by the activity in shipping which developed directly the drive had been driven from the banks of the river. Fighting along the Danube was still in progress when the Austrians started to clear a channel through the mine fields which the Russians, Turks and Bulgarians had laid out. Steamship large towns carrying military supplies needed by Turkey and Bulgaria, were being sent down the river from Austria-Hungary and Germany ports and assembled at Szombathely, ready for the minute when navigation became possible. Austrian river monitors, notably the Sava and Tisza, had in the meantime patrolled the Danube as far as Lom, Palanka and later to Ruse, both Bulgarian ports, and in so doing had cleared the river of some Russian armed merchant vessels stationed in the Romanian port of Turnu-Servat. That these vessels were not sunk or captured by the Austrians is due to the fact that, on the day which the Associated Press correspondent made the trip up the river as a guest on the Sava, they were being convoyed down stream by Romanian monitors, the Russians themselves flying the Romanian flag.

The Bulgarians, part of Lom Palanka, was the scene of great activity. For over fifteen months no boats from our allies had served there. Now the jetties were crowded with barges from Austria and Germany. On the previous day King Ferdinand of Bulgaria and Premier Radosevich had been at Lom Palanka to assist in the resumption of traffic between Bulgaria and the Central Powers, an event which Germany and Austria-Hungary thought important enough to have inaugurated by Duke Albrecht of Mecklenburg, brother-in-law of Emperor William, who was a passenger on the first convoy arriving.

For the first two weeks nothing but military supplies were shipped down stream, principally arms and ammunition for Bulgaria and Turkey. Both these countries stood in need of heavy artillery and artillery ammunition. Some of the later loads brought a large number of heavy motor trucks, combat and coast aerobuses, ambulances and sanitary supplies. Since their ordinary merchandise had been admitted to the Central Powers, Bulgaria and Turkey carry raw material of all sorts and necessities. During the last few days a regular passenger and mail service to Lom, Palanka, has been in operation, until today traffic on the Danube may be considered normal with

the exception of the equivalent of one hundred freight cars, giving the day's traffic a total of 6,000 carloads or 215 train of average size. For the five days since the opening of the total output has been less than 40,000 carloads, or, with bulk and weight brought into relation, even a million tons. Many of the heavy consignments from Germany, the names of the barges, haulage and the distances travelled indicating that they had been concentrated in the Austrian reaches of the Danube where the offensive against Serbia had not yet begun. As an example of German and Austria-Hungarian thoroughness the preparation for the resumption of Danube traffic are noteworthy.

Already train connections for military purposes exist between Berlin and Constantinople, and according to assertions made here, a thorough passenger and express freight service will be in operation within three weeks via Budapest and Szombathely. The ships were not given time enough to destroy this time as thoroughly as it was expected they would and as a result of this people here hope to travel soon on the "B" Express, a train that will link Brussels-Berlin, Budapest-Budapest-Bulgaria-Bucharest.

Some anxiety had been felt in Constantinople and later in Sofia, that the heavy demand which the war made on their relatively scanty stores of artillery ammunition might soon create a problem if it would be difficult to make a free route of communication were not opened up. This, in fact, was the principal reason why the long delayed offensive against Serbia was undertaken when it was, though the attitude of Bulgaria necessarily played an important part in this. But German and Austrian war stores were not the sole factor. The Central Powers could make good use of Turkish and Bulgarian wood, hides, skins, caravans and copper ores, and Turkey and Bulgaria needed the resources which would come from the sale of these materials. It is to be doubted that history ever before presented an instance in which the opening of a line of communication met so adequately the needs of four allied powers engaged in war, or that from this condition an urgent necessity had sprung. For the first time since the outbreak of the European war Germany and Austria-Hungary are relatively independent economically, while Turkey and Bulgaria now have within their reach an incomparable supply of war materials incomparable to day because the German and Austria-Hungarian areas and ammunition manufacturers now have access to the great mineral stores of the Balkans and the Ottoman Empire. The shortage of copper in the Central States has been ended by the taking of the copper mines near Milanovac and elsewhere in Serbia. Bulgaria, too, has a large number of copper mines, the best of them being located in the Mestaia-Lom Palanka branch railway, and the Turks can meet any possible shortage with ease from Anatolia, notably from the Smyrna region. Copper, a raw material also may be brought from Turkey in Asia and a plenty of cotton for explosives is now altogether unlikely, since this staple is produced in considerable quantities in the Central plains.

It is of interest to learn that even a minor gold field has fallen into the hands of the Central Powers, that near Milanovac, Serbia. Washing is now in progress.

In a single day the Associated Press correspondent saw as many as nine go down toward the river, each containing

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## GREAT CHANGES ARE BEING WROUGHT IN TEXAS PANHANDLE

### VAST RANGES ARE BEING DIVIDED INTO SMALL FARMS AND RANCHES

The Ranchmen are steadily improving the stock by breeding up their herds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Efforts made by the United States Department of Agriculture indicate that a significant change is taking place in the management of cattle in what is commonly known as the Panhandle of Texas. The year-old big herds and of the chief cattle-raising sections of the country. The ranchmen have been steadily breeding up their herds by the use of purebred bulls and these have so improved the quality of their cattle that stock from this section has been in considerable demand for years. In the past, it has been customary to ship off the cattle to be fed in the West-slope and the carcasses, states, and the roundabouting of meat, finding these cattle at home have now been demonstrated and ranchmen are no longer contenting themselves with the raising of cattle. They are turning them for the market as well.

With the development of dryland agriculture much of the Panhandle, which was formerly open range, has been taken up by small farmers. As a result areas of grazing land are now being taken and many of the ranches have been broken up into smaller units, and these are being turned into ranches. This increase in the production of feeders naturally led to increased interest in the breeding of cattle for the market, and the high prices that cattle have brought in the last few years stimulated this new interest. The ranchmen, however, were inexperienced in cattle breeding and, as a result, arrangements were made for an agent of the United States Department of Agriculture to cooperate with them in the solution of the various problems that arose. This work was begun in the fall of 1912, and since that time has met with what is considered to be marked success.

The first undertaking was a feeding demonstration on a ranch near Amarillo to test out the value of feeding steers in the dry lot on home-grown feeds and contained most interest in getting them run on the bone and selling them directly off hand. Four carloads of steers were used in this test, having purchased at 50 cents per pound on an average, or 100 per head, at the end of the feeding period the steers weighed 1,000 pounds, or 200 more, and sold for 75 cents per pound, or 150 per head, a profit of 25 cents per head, or 50 per cent.

Following this demonstration much time was spent in encouraging ranchmen to put in pasture and in instructing them in the growing of silage crops.

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